GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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DIFFERENCE IN COAL PRICE
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the existing E-auction system for the sale of indigenous coal, the customers opting for Railway Rakes are sold coal at the rate of Rs. 1200-1500 per tonne while those opting for road transport are sold coal of the same grade and quality at the rate of Rs.3000-3600 per tonne;

(b) if so, whether the Coal India Limited proposes to bring uniformity in sale price of coal;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a): Sale of coal under E-auction for road transport is made colliery- wise, whereas in case of sale of coal under E-auction by rail it is siding/pilot-wise where coal is supplied from various sources. There is no common auction for rail and road. In the existing E-auction system, the price of coal is not determined by the coal companies but only by the successful bidders/purchasers themselves. Therefore, scope of some variations in bid price for the two modes is possible.

(b)to(d): Do not arise in view of reply given in part (a) above.